

July 17, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Chairman, Glendale

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, July 28, 2000 - **10:00 a.m.**
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) Policy Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. **If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction or organization to represent you. Proxies for elected officials need to be an elected official from the same jurisdiction.**

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building at the Corner of 1st Avenue and Van Buren in an unreserved space. Bring your ticket to the meeting and parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 10 people for the MAG RASP Policy Committee. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Harry Wolfe at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Call to Order</u>2. <u>Review of Minutes of June 5, 2000</u>3. <u>Overview of the Regional Aviation System Planning Process</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. For information, discussion and approval of meeting minutes of June 5, 2000.3. For information and discussion. |
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MAG staff will provide a brief overview of the Regional Aviation System Planning process to provide a sense of perspective of what MAG is trying to accomplish by updating its MAG RASP.

4. Review of Scope of Work for the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update

At the April 3, 2000 meeting of the MAG RASP Policy Committee it was the consensus of members in attendance that additional opportunity be provided to comment on the Scope of Work for the MAG RASP Update (please see Attachment One). At the June 5, 2000 meeting of the Policy Committee, proposed additions to the Scope of Work for the MAG RASP Update were distributed by the Tempe representative (please see Attachment Two). No other additions were received. It was recommended by the Policy Committee that these proposed additions be forwarded to the consultant for the project, GRW Willis, for review and comment; and that the response from the consultant be shared with the Policy Committee.

GRW Willis has evaluated the proposed additions and provided a written response as noted in Attachment Three. The MAG RASP Policy Committee will consider potential changes to the Scope of Work and the original budget of \$235,000 in light of the comments provided. MAG staff has analyzed the proposed changes and has recommended that some items be added to the Scope of Work at an additional cost of \$77,925 (please see Attachment Four). This would increase the total cost of the MAG RASP Update to \$312,925. A potential source of funding for the additional tasks to supplement existing FAA funding is Federal Highway Administration Planning or Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds. These funds could be allocated to portions of the RASP Update dealing with ground transportation analysis, capacity analysis, forecasting, and air quality. Allocation of Federal Highway funds to supplement Federal Aviation Administration funds would require approval by the MAG Management Committee and the MAG Regional Council and amendment of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and annual budget.

4. For information, discussion and consideration of changes to the Scope of Work and budget for the MAG RASP Update.

5. Recommendation of Consultant to Undertake the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update

On March 28, 2000, a multiagency consultant review group, made up of volunteers of MAG member agencies, held interviews with two consulting firms who had responded to a Request for Proposals for the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) Update — GRW Willis and Michael Baker, Inc. The Review Group recommended that GRW Willis be selected to undertake the study subject to refinement of the Scope of Work as it relates to the airspace analysis, enhanced use of graphics, and more specificity on the tasks outlined in their proposal. The consultant has incorporated the recommended changes into its scope of work for the study, and the MAG RASP Consultant Review Group has accepted those changes. Other potential changes to the Scope of Work are under consideration as noted above. The MAG RASP Policy Committee will consider recommending that GRW Willis undertake the MAG RASP Update.

6. Study Assumptions

On June 5, 2000 the MAG RASP Policy Committee reviewed a basic set of study assumptions to guide the consultant that would carry out the MAG RASP Update. No comments were provided and the assumptions were adopted. Given the shortage of time available at the meeting to give full consideration to the implications of the assumptions, the Policy Committee is being given an additional opportunity to comment on the assumptions (please see Attachment Five).

7. Results of the July 6, 2000 meeting of the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group

Mr. Gus Nazer, local Federal Aviation Chief of the Phoenix Terminal Radar Approach Control has initiated the formation of a Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group (PAUWG) to provide a forum to offer input to the FAA on airspace issues. The Committee is comprised

5. For information, discussion and possible recommendation of consultant to undertake the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update at a cost not to exceed \$312,925.

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of representatives of airspace users, such as airlines, pilot groups, etc. as well as representatives of local governments in Maricopa County. On July 6, 2000 the PAUWG convened to discuss the major issues to be addressed by the group during the coming year. MAG staff recommended that consideration be given to identifying airspace compatibility criteria that could be used to help evaluate proposals to build new airports or expand existing ones. MAG staff will provide a status report.